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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENTS

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1. MEETING AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES,
THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF FINN
OLAV GUNDELACH, WILHELM HAFERKAMP, LORENZO NATALI,
FRANCOIS-XAVIER ORTOLI, AND HENK VREDELING AS THE FIVE VICE
PRESIDENTS FOR THE INCOMING EC COMMISSION. THE MINISTERS HAD
ALREADY FORMALLY APPROVED, ON DECEMBER 13, THE SLATE OF COMM-
MISSIONERS UNOFFICIALLY AGREED UPON BY THE EC HEADS OF STATE IN
THE HAGUE (REFTEL).

2. THE MINISTERS ALSO AGREED ON A NEW FORMULA FOR DISTRI-
BUTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENCIES AMONG THE SMALL MEMBER
STATES. UNDER THE OLD ARRANGEMENT, ONE SEAT HAD ROTATED
AMONG THE BENELUX AND ONE BETWEEN DENMARK AND IRELAND.
LUXEMBOURG HAS NOW SHIFTED TO A GROUPING WITH DENMARK AND
IRELAND, WHILE BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS WILL
HENCEFORTH ALTERNATE THE OTHER SMALL STATE VICE
PRESIDENTIAL SEAT. HINTON
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